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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Peter CZERNEY, et al.

Group: 1626

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Examiner: S. N. Wright

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For: LASER-COMPATIBLE NIR-MARKER DYES

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, Applicant's hereby elect Group V, namely, claims 12-13 which are drawn to a method for qualitative or quantitave determination of proteins, nucleic acids, oligomers, DNA, RNA, biological cell,s lips polymers, drugs or polymer particles, classified in various classes and subclasses.

This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, it is believed that this is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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